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March 2010 HIKES AND PROGRAMS

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To provide quality programs we limit the number of participants. Program times vary. Please call 515-5367 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for times and reservations. If unable to attend a program, your cancellation is appreciated. Parents must accompany children on all programs.



*Please note that the conservation area is a Federal Fee Area & all entry or recreation fees apply.

We would like to warmly thank our volunteers for their dedicated contributions to the monthly Red Rock Canyon hikes and programs.

Visitor Center programs :

3/2 Geology of Southern Nevada: Ranger Jim will present a 20 minute power point talk and discussion at the Visitor Center on the geology of Red Rock Canyon. This program will be conducted twice an hour from 1-3 pm. No sign up is required

3/9 Blooming Desert: Flowers, flowers everywhere; learn about the blooms of Red Rock with Ranger Jim. This is a 20 minute power point program, conducted twice an hour from 1-3 pm at the Visitor Center. No sign up is required.

3/11 Tort Talks: Join Janis in the Visitor Center and learn some interesting facts about Nevada's state reptile, the Desert Tortoise. All ages welcome. No sign-up is required. This is an ongoing program at the Visitor Center from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

3/16 Bats in Our Belfry: Go batty with Ranger Jim and learn about the mammal that man has tried to emulate. This is a 20 minute program, conducted twice an hour for a total of six programs. This presentation will be held at the Visitor Center from 1-3 pm. No sign up required.

3/21 Intro to Red Rock: Come and join Ranger Gina for a power point program covering geology, plants, and animals. No sign up is required. This program is a 20 minute program at the Visitor Center from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm.

3/23 Predators of Southern Nevada: Join Ranger Jim at the Visitor Center for a 20 minute power point talk and discussion about the wild things of Southern Nevada. This program will be conducted once an hour from 1-3 pm. No sign up is required.

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3/26 Red Rock Canyon Animals: Join Bob at the Visitor Center for a display of some of the interesting animals that are found in the Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area. Living and preserved specimens will be on display for discussion from 10:00 am to noon. No sign-up is required.

3/30 Fire: Why does everything look burnt? What are those cone shaped things out in the desert? Ranger Jim will explain these things and more in this 20 minute program; conducted twice an hour at the Visitor Center from 1-3 pm. No sign up is required.

Hikes:

3/1 Monday at the Rock: Join Jen for a hike along the Oak Creek trail for a desert overview, then head up a small mountain known as Potato Knoll for an elevated view of the valley. Moderate, 4 miles. Some scrambling is involved.

3/2 White Rock/Sandstone Loop: Come with Chris and take in the view of Red Rock Canyon from the north side below the La Madre Mountains on this 7-mile hike with 1300 ft. elevation gain. Some rock scrambling is involved. Moderately Strenuous.

3/5 Dale's Trail/SMYC Trail: Join Claire for this rolling 3.5 mile hike along the scenic escarpment of Red Rock Canyon. This hike will begin at Pine Creek's trailhead, taking Dale's trail and the SMYC trail to Lost Creek. Moderate. Ages 12+. Limited Space

3/6 Blooming Hike: Come join Ranger Jim on this blooming walk to find what's blooming in Wheeler Camp Springs. Ages 15+. Easy 2.5 miles. Limited Space.

3/6 Oak Creek Canyon: Come with Pat on a spectacular hike through Oak Creek. This hike has a great view of the Spring Mountains Range. We will also keep our eyes out for a running spring and maybe even some wildlife. Moderate, 3 miles. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

3/7 Springs Hike: Join Bob on a hike that will focus on the geology, wildflowers and animals occurring at some of Red Rock Canyon's springs. Moderate, 3 miles. Ages 6+. Limited Space.

3/7 Ash Meadow Arch from Calico Basin: Join George and explore the Arch from Calico Basin. We will scramble over Ash Meadow Arch and enjoy the amazing view around up. Rock scrambling is involved. Strenuous, 3 miles.

3/8 Monday at the Rock: Come scramble your way through the Calico Hills with Jen! If you're looking for a fun little adventure to satisfy your Red Rock craving, this hike through the picturesque sandstone hills is sure to please. Moderately Strenuous, 3.5 miles. Ages 10+.

3/9 South Blue Diamond Narrows: Join Aaron to explore two unnamed, little used canyons in South Fossil Ridge. Directly across from Blue Diamond, we will follow a wash as it turns to a narrow steep canyon and then spills out onto the top of the knoll, before dropping down into another canyon to return. We will have to scramble and navigate some steep dry waterfalls to see all the hidden places these canyons hold. Strenuous, 4 miles. Ages 12+. Limited Space.

3/9 Oak Creek Canyon: Hike with Chris and scramble over the boulder on a 6-mile out and back hike that follows the drainage of Oak Creek into the canyon between Wilson and Rainbow peaks. There may be a good chance to see water flowing if there was any precipitation earlier in the year. Strenuous. Limited Space.

3/13 SMYC Trail: Join Pat on this gorgeous hike that will go towards Ice Box Canyon making a loop. Be on the lookout for wildlife and maybe some water. Moderate, 3 miles. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

3/14 Moenkopi Loop: Join Aaron on this short, colorful hike for an introduction to the natural and historical features of Red Rock Canyon. This easy hike, which takes approximately 1.5 hours, is a perfect way to start a visit to Red Rock. Hikes will be conducted at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. No sign ups are necessary.

3/14 Wildflowers I at Calico Basin: Join Bob for the first in a series of wildflower-hike programs in which you can enjoy the scenery and discover the wildflowers of Red Rock Canyon. Today, we'll hike from Red Spring to Calico Spring and then to Ash Meadow Spring looking at the beautiful geology and discovering wildflowers. Moderate, 4 miles. Limited Space.

3/14 Exploring Sandstone Quarry Arch: Join George on this 3 mile trek as we hike to the arch and scramble to the Calico Tank Trail. Moderate.

3/15 Monday at the Rock: There probably won't be a rainbow, but there will be a pot of gold in the form of sandstone for you! Join Jen for a trek to the geological phenomenon known as the Keystone Thrust fault and learn about the geologic and cultural history of the area. We'll hike and scramble our way back through a wash. Moderate, 4.5 miles.

3/16 Juniper Canyon: Join Chris for this out and back hike into the steepest canyon in the escarpment that offers plenty of challenges for experienced hikers. This route also offers impressive views as it climbs a slab across from Rainbow Wall. Very Strenuous, 6 miles with 1800 ft. elevation gain. Limited Space.

3/17 Calico Hills/ Moenkopi Loop: Join Claire for this 3 mile hike to and around the base of the Calico Hills to Calico II, then take the Moenkopi Trail back to the Visitor Center. We will get up close to the famous red rocks of Red Rock Canyon and see how the desert recovers after a fire. Moderate. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

3/19 Moenkopi Morning: Join Janis on this easy hike around the Moenkopi Loop Trail and enjoy the beautiful scenery that Red Rock Canyon is known for. Easy, 2.5 miles.

3/20 Pine Creek: Come with Pat on a hike where we will make a loop through Pine Creek. Along the way we will stop at the Wilson foundation. We will also learn about the history of the area. Moderate, 4 miles. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

3/21 Exploring Calico Hills: Join George on a 4 mile scrambling adventure at Sandstone Quarry up to Red Cap and over to Calico tinaja. On top you will experience a spectacular view overlooking Red Rock Canyon. We'll explore the tanks and more. Strenuous.

3/22 Monday at the Rock: It's that time of year when we tackle the Grand Circle! Join Jen on the trails that will lead us through various parts of Red Rock, through washes, rock paths, and smooth dirt trails. This 12 mile hike has a steady roll but no rock scrambling or steep terrain. Strenuous.

3/23 Gray Cap Peak: Come hike with Chris on this 6 mile out and back hike that offers plenty of scrambling opportunities in the limestone drainage of upper Gateway Canyon. Along the way we will go over the colorful sandstone formations to get to the peak. There are some steep areas with some exposure. Strenuous. Limited Space.

3/24 Red Spring Hike: Come with Ranger Gina and enjoy this 1/2 mile hike at the Red Spring wooden boardwalk. We will learn about the plants and sensitive species of this area. Easy. Limited Space.

3/26 Potato Knoll Loop: Join Claire for this 4.5 mile, moderate hike around the scenic Potato Knoll which sits before Wilson Peak. We'll experience spectacular views as well as a variety of plant life and changing scenery. We'll also keep our eyes open for wildlife. Ages 12+. .

Hikes: (continued)

3/27 Cottonwood Valley Night Hike: Join Aaron for this full moon hike in south Red Rock Canyon. Underneath towering Mt. Potosi, we will climb to the top of a ridge for expansive views of the canyon, the setting sun, and the rising moon. Moderate, 4 miles. 12+. Limited Space.

Flashlights are required!

3/27 Blooming Hike: Come join Ranger Jim on this blooming walk to find what's blooming in La Madre Spring area. Ages 15+. Moderate, 3 miles. Limited Space.

3/28 Wildflowers II at Pine Creek: Come enjoy this second hike with Bob emphasizing wildflowers. We will go by the trickling waters and pool zone behind the old homestead, and we will also walk along the south fork of Pine Creek. Moderate, 4 miles. Ages 6+. Limited Space.

3/28 Red Cap: Join George one of his favorite hikes in the Calico Hills. This hike is short, challenging and fun. From Sandstone Quarry we'll have a short trek to the east side of Red Cap. Then, we will scramble to a tinaja that's over looking Calico Basin and the colorful Calico Tank trail. At last we will scramble up to Red Cap, the highest point in Calico Hills. Strenuous, 3 miles.

3/29 Monday at the Rock: Starting off on the SMYC trail, join Jen as we hike along the base of the escarpment and make our way back to the seasonal waterfall area of Lost Creek. Along the way, we will enjoy many different plant species, including a "cactus garden," and be on the lookout for wildlife. Moderate, 3 to 4 miles.

3/30 Woof! Walk: Don't leave Fido at home! Bring your dog out for a hike with Jen to the old Pine Creek Homestead. We will learn about what and who else was here before us. Red Rock is sure to be more scenic than a dog park. Easy, 2.5 miles. Limited Space..

3/30 Mountain Spring Peak: Come experience with Chris the back country of the Rainbow Wilderness Area on this 7 mile loop hike with great views of Red Rock and the escarpment. We will pass geologic wonders and the springs above the small community at the pass on this return. Strenuous. Limited Space.

Kid's Programs:

3/5 Desert Holes: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-6 year olds and join Missy for a fun and interactive program all about the different types of holes that animals make in the Mojave Desert. Children will learn how to identify what type of animal lives in certain holes and will participate in a fun activity and craft. Limited Space..

3/6 Desert Babies of the Mojave: Bring your 2-8 year olds out to Red Rock Canyon and join Missy for an exciting and interactive program about the baby animals of the Mojave Desert. Children will learn about how animals grow up and survive in the desert. We will do a craft and read a story and so much more. Limited Space.

3/12 Bats are a Blast: Come out to Red Rock Canyon and join Missy with your 2-8 year olds for a fun and interactive program about bats. Children will learn all about the different types of bats in Red Rock Canyon with a hands-on activity, a craft and so much more.

3/13 Jr. Naturalists: Who's waking up? Now that spring is just around the corner, some of the animals of Red Rock are beginning to stir out of their winter slumbers. Through stories, activities and a take-home craft, join Jen to explore some of the animals that have been sleeping their way through winter. Ages 2-6 yr. olds. Limited Space.

3/19 Leaping Lizards: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 2-8 year olds for a fun and interactive program about lizards in the Mojave Desert. Children will learn interesting facts, participate in activities and discover how cool lizards really are! Limited Space.

3/26 Petroglyphs for Kids: Come out to Red Rock Canyon with your 5-10 year olds for a fun and interactive program all about the petroglyphs at Red Spring. Children will learn about the history of petroglyphs, search for petroglyphs and participate in a craft. Limited Space.

Other:

3/9 Art...Naturally: Come try painting with Jen at Red Rock and you're sure to find a hidden talent! All you need to do is bring yourself and a love of nature as we create an acrylic masterpiece worth showing off. This is a "no pressure" all fun art class. No experience is necessary, all supplies included. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

3/12 Canyon Clean Up: Join Janis and come out to Red Rock Canyon and help clean up a designated trail. Meet new people and enjoy the beautiful scenery. Let's do our part to keep the "Rock" clean!

3/20 Astronomy Program The LV Astronomical Society will have telescopes to view the night sky at Red Rock Canyon.. Bring your own telescope or binoculars if you have them. No sign up please call for time of this night program. 702-515-5367.

3/21 Beginner Mountain Biking: Whether you're new to mountain biking or you are unfamiliar with the trails, join Jen and John for a relaxed ride in North Cottonwood along the Mustang Loop. No experience is necessary, but you do need to provide your own gear. Moderate, 6-7 miles. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

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3/27 Earth Tones: Kids and adults will love to swirl and twirl their paintbrushes at this nature-based art class! So join Jen and bring the whole family out to dive into a world of color and creativity through painting! No experience is necessary; all supplies included. Ages 4+. Limited Space.

Other Area Hikes and Programs:

3/19 Spring Break Road Trip: Valley of Fire: Need a change of hiking scenery? Explore the Valley of Fire with Claire. We'll check out the Visitor Center and a few short hikes that will take us to an incredible display of petroglyphs as well as a walk through a slot canyon. Moderate. Ages 10+. Limited Space.

3/20 Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge Road Trip: Water is rare in the desert but not at Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge. This large desert oasis provides habitat for a variety of migrating birds, and has been home to various human cultures. Join Ranger Jim and Aaron to tour this area. Once there, we will hike around the lake, search for birds, and tour an early pioneer cabin. Moderate, 3 miles. Ages 6+. Limited Space.

3/20 Corn Creek Spring Walk: Corn Creek Spring feeds three ponds at this headquarters of the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. It is a major bird watching area and is prime habitat for aquatic and land plants and animals. Join Bob during the morning to observe all these creatures in a surprising setting, and learn about the history and future of the area. 1/2 mile, easy.

Remember to LEAVE NO TRACE®

Plan ahead and prepare

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

Dispose of Waste Properly

Leave what you find

Minimize Campfire impact

Respect Wildlife

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

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Other Area Hikes and programs presented by the Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association

These locations are not on Bureau of Land Management land*.

***The Bureau of Land Management does not assume responsibility for these programs including loss or injury on land outside of its jurisdiction.**